

## FRENCH DRAW NEAR PERONNE

British Launch Furious  
Drive and Take Town  
By Storm

## CZAR AFTER HIS FOE

Muscovites Forces Passage of River at  
Various Points and Press Toward  
Kovel

London, July 11—British troops last night carried by storm the village of Contalmaison, northeast of Albert, about which violent fighting has raged since the opening of the allied offensive. General Haig, in announcing the victory, reported that 189 German prisoners were taken.

"Further east we stormed several lines of enemy trenches in the Mametz wood," added General Haig. "The greater part of the wood is now in our possession."

Paris, July 11—Twenty two villages all fortified to the highest degree of which the Germans are capable, have been captured by the Anglo-French armies since the great offensive of the Somme began ten days ago.

Peronne, lying a bare mile across the Somme from the French advanced lines and the next important prize toward which the French are driving, lies almost within grasp of General Foch's army.

Dispatches from headquarters today showed that the village of Biaches one mile from Peronne, was captured by the French in the same dashing spirit that drove the enemy out of Dompiere, Hardecourt, and other strongly fortified points.

Dompiere, with its entire first line German positions, was taken in fifty minutes and Hardecourt in only thirty five. The Germans resisted more stubbornly at Biaches, but within less than two hours the village and all its strong defensive fortifications were in the hands of the French.

Paris, July 11—German troops launched a powerful attack against French works northeast of Verdun at 4 o'clock this morning after an intense bombardment extending from Fleury to the Chenois wood.

"East of the Chenois wood and in Fumin wood, the Germans occupied our advanced trenches, but were later thrown out by counter attacks," the war office stated today. "Everywhere else the attack was checked by curtain fire."

The war office admitted that German troops entered 200 yards of French trenches in Lorraine east of Reillon.

Petrograd, July 11—The Russian forces advancing in Volhynia toward Kovel are crossing the river Stokhod at various points, closely pressing the Teutonic forces opposing them, says the War Office statement.

The passage of the river is being accomplished under serious difficulties. The official communication says that the crossings of the river have, in most cases, been destroyed by the opposing armies.

Berlin, July 11—The Germans have checked the Russian forces which were advancing in Volhynia, in the direction of Kovel, the War Office announces. The Russian troops moving toward the Stokhod line were everywhere repulsed. The announcement follows:

"On the northern section of the front, apart from fruitless Russian attacks in the region of Skobowa, east of Gorodische, nothing of importance has occurred."

"Army group of General von Linsingen: The enemy advancing toward the Stokhod line was repulsed everywhere. His attacks west and south-west of Lutsk were unsuccessful. German aeroplane squadrons made a successful attack on enemy shellers east of the Stokhod."

"Army group of General von Bothmer: There was activity on the part of our patrols, which engaged in successful encounters in advanced positions."

"On the Balkan front our advanced posts repulsed by artillery fire enemy detachments south of Lake Doiran."

Paris, July 11—Artillery activity

## AN INFURIATED WOMAN

Drunken Negro Causes Considerable  
Excitement in Southwestern  
Section of the City

Early last night a colored woman, said to be native of the West Indies, caused considerable commotion in the southwestern section of the city, she being drunk and disorderly. Officer Miller appeared upon the scene and placed her under arrest. She resisted the officer with the greatest ferocity, and he was compelled to summon two other men, one a railroad policeman, to aid him in bringing the infuriated woman to the station house. During the scuffle the prisoner stretched herself out on the pavement and resisted all attempts to place her upon her feet. In the scuffle she bit the railroad officer. She was after great difficulty brought to the station house. This morning when placed in the dock her answers to questions were snappish, but in the few words she uttered she let it be known where she obtained liquor. She was given 30 days in jail.

Samuel Lee, a native of southwest Virginia, was very drunk and disorderly about this time. He was found by Officer Reed and brought to the station house in an automobile. He had but little to say in extenuation of his conduct when arraigned this morning and was fined \$5. He had no money and was sent to jail.

## MAY NOT SEE SERVICE

Fears That Virginia Soldiers Will  
Be Ordered to Demobilize

Richmond, July 11—Complaint has been made to the office of Adjutant General Sale it is learned that the trains carrying the Virginia militia to the Mexican border were overcrowded, that insanitary conditions existed and that some of the men probably did not receive sufficient rations. The complaint has not been made an official matter. As soon as it is officially filed, General Sale declared, it will be taken up with Governor Stuart and with the war department in Washington. Records in General Sale's office show that the adjutant general asked permission to handle the Virginia troops while en route. He was advised in reply that transportation would be attended to by the government. General Sale had planned to send the men in tourist cars. At the last minute the cars were transferred to Maryland and the Virginia militia assigned to day coaches in which they traveled as far as Atlanta.

Though the Blues and artillery are holding themselves ready for orders to entrain for Brownsville, there are persistent reports that neither command will see border service. Since the Virginia cavalry and artillery were not included in the general call for state militia, it is feared that demobilization will be ordered by the war department. Adjutant General Sale yesterday said he had heard nothing from Washington in reply to his request that the Blues and the First battalion of field artillery be sent to Texas to join the two regiments of Virginia infantry. He had received no advice suggestive or demobilization, he said, and had directed the two commands, now encamped at Camp Stuart, to remain under arms subject to orders.

FOR RENT—Six room frame house Gas fixtures, cellar, yard, also side alley entrance. Rent, including water, \$10.50 amonth. Immediate possession. Address inquiries to L.V.M. care of Gazette.

along the Macedonian front is reported in a Havas dispatch yesterday from Saloniki. An artillery duel occurred Sunday along the French line in the region of Kilindir.

French aeroplanes have raided Monastir and have thrown bombs on the military depots and camps at Petrich and on Fort Rupel.

Constantinople, July 11—Official announcement was made here yesterday that the Russian forces, which recently evacuated Kermanshah, Persia, had been overtaken by Turks and put to flight after a battle of seven hours. The Russian offensive on the Tchoruk sector of the Caucasus front undertaken to arrest the Turkish advance has collapsed.

## DEUTSCHLAND PIONEER OF SUBS

Cost of Construction Cleared  
on First Voyage to  
U. S.

## BRITISH LION'S AIMS

Cordon of Warships Will be on  
Watch at Virginia Capes to Intercept  
Vessel

Baltimore, Md., July 11—With \$1,000,000 worth of highly concentrated dye still packed in her hold, the pioneer of submersible merchantmen, wonder ship of the great war, lies at her specially prepared wharf, strongly guarded by police. Her commander and his officers are frankly delighted and a little surprised at the hearty welcome they have received.

Carefully inspected by an agent of the Department of Justice, as well as by the surveyor of the port, the Deutschland has had no trouble in demonstrating her peaceful character. Her sole armament consists of four revolvers, the personal toys of officers. Collector Ryan's report to Washington places the Deutschland unquestionably in the merchantman class. On her maiden trip the Deutschland has more than paid for her construction. Her commander, Capt. Paul Koenig says so. The cost of building her was \$500,000, which is easily wiped out by the profit to be derived from her \$1,000,000 cargo.

The second vessel of the submarine fleet, the Bremen, may be looked for along the coast in about eight weeks, according to Capt. Koenig.

Washington, July 11—With all the might of gigantic naval strength, the British Lion is planning to wipe the German submarine, the Deutschland, from the seas.

Already, the British admiralty is forming a cordon of warships outside the three-mile limit, off the Virginia capes, and according to word which reached Washington last night a fleet of fast armed motor-boats will be rushed across the Atlantic, probably under convoy, to aid in the smashing of the intrepid submarine.

When Capt. Paul Koenig, commander of the Deutschland, turns the nose of his great undersea boat down the bay and heads for the open sea, he will be heading for a possible fight with every available naval weapon the entente can bring to bear.

New York, July 11—Three persons applied to the North German Lloyd Line yesterday for passage back to Germany on the submarine Deutschland, now at Baltimore.

Two of the would-be passengers offered \$5,000 each for passage. The third offered \$2,000.

## VIRGINIA NEWS

Secretary McAduo yesterday ordered withdrawn from Federal reserve banks at Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas \$5,000,000 each, placed there last September to assist in moving and marketing crops. The withdrawals will be made July 15, the Secretary announced, because the deposits have served their purposes.

The National Fertilizers' Association opened its 23rd annual convention at Hot Springs yesterday and will continue in session throughout the week. One hundred and fifty members, with their wives and daughters, are in attendance, making a gathering of over 300.

Tyler Cowherd, a young farmer, Sunday on Cowherd's farm, between Gordonsville and Barboursville, shot and killed Adam Brookman, Brookman, who bore a bad reputation, worked for Cowherd and was discharged for drinking. He returned and attempted to break into the house, declaring he would kill Cowherd. Cowherd then shot him with a shotgun, the load tearing away half his face. The coroner's jury declared the homicide justifiable. Brookman is the second of two brothers to be shot to death in the last nine months.

## BOYS AT BROWNSVILLE

Alexandrians Assigned First Class  
Camp Yesterday at Mexican  
Border

Payment of the troops in Camp Stuart will begin today, provided the rolls have been completed. Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Consolvo, camp paymaster, will arrive in Richmond this morning from Norfolk and undertake the task of distributing the sum of \$40,000 which was placed to his credit last Saturday by the War Department. The work of paying off the remainder of the disqualified guardsmen, some 108 in number, was completed yesterday evening.

Added to the amounts already received, the \$40,000 which came in Saturday makes a total of \$72,000 which has been received from the national government for the benefit of the State Guard, according to a statement made yesterday afternoon at the office of the Adjutant-General, Lieutenant Colonel Consolvo, who is to begin payments today, was relieved from duty at Camp Stuart some time ago, except at such times as his services as paymaster might be required.

Four thousand more militia troops poured into the lower Rio Grande Valley yesterday evening. They were the Fourth Nebraska, the First Indiana, the First Virginia and a battery of Indiana artillery.

The Virginia troops detained in Brownsville. They went at once to a first class encampment site set aside for them in North Brownsville.

The Virginia troops have been assigned to General Parker's already overgrown brigade. They bring his command up to 15,000 men, the second largest division on the border.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

Willard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Trinity Church.

The Women's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall.

The Young Men's Sodality Lyceum will give an excursion tomorrow to Colonial Beach, the proceeds to go to the building fund of the lyceum. Indications point to a huge crowd attending the excursion, including many former members of the order residing in Washington.

Deeds have been filed with the clerk of courts transferring a lot on the east side of Patrick street, between Wilkes and Gibbon, from P. F. Gorman, sr., to Hattie B. Scott, and a lot on the east side of Royal street between Gibbon and Franklin from John Williams and wife to Willis Randolph.

## CHILD KILLED BY SWING

Tot Struck by Board Seat While  
Playing in Schoolyard

Philadelphia, July 11—Struck on the head by the board of a swing upon which a 6 year old boy was sitting, 2 year old Francis Flynn, of No. 432 East Thompson street, was instantly killed yesterday in the yard of the Alexander Adair Public School, at Palmer and Thompson streets. The boy was sent to St. Mary's Hospital, where it was found he had a fractured skull.

Wesley Jones, of No. 16, Willing street, was swinging in the school yard and was just making a swift curve through the air when the little Flynn boy ran under the swing. The child was struck on the forehead by the thick board seat and hurled a dozen feet. Witnesses of the tragedy said the boy's death was purely accidental and no arrests were made.

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## SAYS VILLA IS OUT FOR A RAID

Arrendondo Warns War Department of Bandit's  
Designs

## LOWER CALIFORNIA

Negotiations in Progress Looking to  
its Acquisition by the United  
States

Washington, July 11—A second warning that Villa bandits are headed for the Big Bend district of Texas was given to the State Department yesterday by Eliseo Arrendondo, the Mexican Ambassador designate. He told Acting Secretary Polk his Government had given him definite information that the bandits were moving northward toward Boquillas, Texas, and promised co-operation of Carranza forces.

Mr. Arrendondo said he had no information regarding the number of bandits or their distance from the American line. The first warning of their approach was given last week. The information was sent to the War Department and forwarded to Major-General Funston.

Eliseo Arrendondo also received advices from his Government yesterday which, he said, closed the incident in which an American warship searched a Mexican sailing vessel at Guaymas. No protest will be made and his advices will be delivered to the State Department later.

Mr. Arrendondo said he still was waiting for instructions from General Carranza on the course the latter will pursue in negotiating the border troubles. American officials favor a simple and short course of direct negotiation with the Ambassador.

A joint resolution to empower the President to negotiate by commission for purchase of "such portion of northern Mexico, including lower California as may be obtained" was introduced yesterday by Representative Caldwell, of New York. It invites Mexico to appoint a like commission. It was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, where similar resolutions have died.

## BEGINNING OF THE END

Allies Optimistic As To Outcome of  
Present Struggle

Chicago, July 11—"The present drive marks the beginning of the end of the war. All the submarines that Germany can send under the seas will not affect the final issue. The allies have enough ammunition stacked up to keep up the present rate of firing without manufacturing another shell in the next six months."

In these words Baron Le Fevre, of Paris, fresh from the European trenches, familiar with the inner diplomatic circles of Paris and London, yesterday gave his views of the present status of affairs in the world struggle.

"I do not say that the end of the war is yet in sight," he said, "as it is too early in the game to make such a statement. However, the present allied drive by England, France and Russia, does mark the beginning of what we believe will prove to be the end."

## KILLS HIS CHILD, NOT HAWK

Father, Preparing to Shoot Bird of  
Prey, Has Sad Mishap

Williamsport, Pa., July 11—Hiram Carlton Mosteller, 8 was accidentally shot and killed by the premature explosion of a gun in the hands of his father, William H. Mosteller, of Eldred township, at their farm home yesterday. When a chicken hawk appeared over his chicken coop, Mosteller sent the boy into the house for his shotgun, and the lad soon brought it. As Mosteller was preparing to shoot the hawk the gun prematurely discharged, the lad passed in front of the parent and the entire discharge entered his back, and the boy fell dead.

## PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

Splendid Aid Being Given to Safe-  
guard of City's Welfare by  
Parents and Teachers

According to reports from all citizens who interest themselves in the public welfare, splendid work is being done this summer by the playground for the children of this city situated on the Washington School grounds on south Washington street and conducted under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association, and indications point to greater progress than at any other time in its existence.

The committee in charge provides entertainment for all children of the city from 9 a. m. until 12 m. and from 3 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. every day, and request all to send the younger ones to this splendid place of recreation. Besides amusement, however, is also furnished instruction for the children in branches of domestic science, athletic sports. Here, by keeping the children constantly employed, by giving each child some part in some game, by keeping the small ones off the streets by bringing children of all classes together, by lifting them out of the commonplace and filling them with enthusiasm, are methods by which the playground stands for the welfare of the city's younger generation.

Announcement of different classes has been made by those in charge, as follows: Dressmaking classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 until 11; children furnishing their own material or, if unable to do so, furnished by the playground; crocheting classes, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 3 to 5; embroidery classes, including instruction in embroidery luncheon sets, towels, gowns, and children's dresses, etc., every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, instruction beginning at 9 a. m. Tuesday and Saturday mornings is also given in long ball, volley ball, tether ball, and basket ball, classes being open to all children.

Older boys are taught how to play different athletic sports by the athletic instructor, William L. Schaffer, jr. Other classes, as well as the general management of the playground, are superintended by Miss Harriett Kail.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public by the committee in charge to visit the playground and see the work being accomplished there.

## NEGROES IN A ROW.

One Charges the Other With Rob-  
bing and Shooting Him.

Two negroes, giving their names as Jack Cooper and Randolph Chinn, were arrested this morning at the police station, where the latter had come to swear out a warrant against the former. Both are held awaiting the action of the Fairfax authorities.

According to the statement of Chinn, both had been gambling near Mount Vernon and Cooper had attempted to steal \$10.70 belonging to him, whereupon he (Chinn) remonstrated in a forceful manner, and Cooper drew a pistol and shot at him, the bullet going through the latter's trouser's leg and grazing the thigh. At this Chinn admitted he had hurled a brick at Cooper's head and mix-up followed.

Cooper left the scene of the affray in a hurry and boarded a car for this city, Chinn following later in a vehicle, and reaching Alexandria managed to secure Cooper's arrest. Cooper exhibits a head tied up in bandages, severe cuts on his face, and one eye entirely closed the result, he alleges, of Chinn's assault. The latter, on the other hand, bears no evidence of injury, but persists in his statement that Cooper shot at and barely missed him.

## FOUR OF FAMILY KILLED

Sunbury, Pa. July 10—Six persons were killed, four of them instantly, when a special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, carrying members of the Knights of the Mystic Shrine, en route from Baltimore to Buffalo, struck an automobile at a grade crossing near Fishers Ferry four miles west of here, today.

## LAW REQUIRES CLERKS TO REPORT

Attorney General Pollard  
Holds Them Equally  
Responsible

## THE EASLEY CHARGES

Opinion of Interest to All Clerks  
Throughout the Commonwealth of  
Virginia

Richmond, July 11—Holding that successive acts of the General Assembly alternately shifting the responsibility for reporting moneys in the possession of receivers or special commissioners, from the clerks of the courts to the examiners of records and vice versa, are not repugnant to each other, but cumulative, Attorney-General Pollard handed down an opinion yesterday in which he rules that the duty lies with equal force against both classes of officers.

A ruling on this point was requested by Executive Assistant Garnett, of the State Tax Board, before which body charges had been filed against Examiner James S. Easley, of the Sixth Circuit, alleging that, in failing to report about \$100,000 of this class of property in Halifax County, he had been negligent in his duty as examiner. On this ground chiefly the State Tax Board was asked to remove him from office. On Saturday the board removed Mr. Easley without a statement, appointing in his place Tucker C. Watkins, Jr., of South Boston.

Pursuant to this ruling, Mr. Garnett has directed the preparation of a letter to be sent to every examiner of records and court clerk in the State, apprising them of their duties under the law with respect to the reporting of moneys, bonds and other evidences of debt in the hands of commissioners or receivers, subject to the control of the courts in order that there may be no question hereafter as to the responsibility for the performance of this duty. The Attorney-General's opinion is taken to mean that with respect to this class of property the duties of examiners and clerks are identical, and are intentionally made so for the purpose of maintaining a reciprocal check.

To the spotlight that has centered on the whole Easley-Watkins episode since the swift developments of the past few days, the Attorney-General's opinion contributes an illuminating of momentous interest. Nowhere in his statement is there a reference to the controversy. The opinion, nevertheless, deals directly with the issue, the determination of which appears to have been immediately responsible for the removal of a tax officer of eight years' standing and makes the clerks of the court equally responsible with the examiner for the delinquent charge.

If Mr. Pollard's conclusions are correct, it follows that Clerk Cran Craddock, of the Circuit Court of Halifax County, has failed in the discharge of his official duties as significantly as has Examiner Easley in his, and if the examiner's dereliction is punishable by removal from office so is the clerk's. Mr. Craddock, incidentally, took a prominent part in forwarding the campaign for Mr. Easley's removal.

The potato harvest in Germany will be delayed a fortnight, according to Berlin newspapers. As an evidence of the growing seriousness of the potato shortage the Berlin municipal authorities, in co-operation with the authorities of the suburbs, have decided that for the present holders of potato tickets will receive only two pounds of potatoes a week. As a compensation they will get an extra 400 grammes of flour. Holders of meat cards also must face a decrease in their allowance. The quantity is fixed at 225 grammes for the ensuing week, as opposed to the former allowance of 250 grammes (about 8 3/4 ounces).

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELL CRABS  
AT JACOB PRILL'S FOOT KING ST.